

NEWS RELEASE

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SUBJECT: NPD Investigate Home Invasion Style Robbery

NPD are investigating a home invasion style armed robbery which occurred at an apartment in the 300 block of East Main Street on Thursday, November 29th at approximately 11:00pm.

During this incident, a 21 year old male resident and an 18 year old male resident were inside their apartment with a third 21 year old male who was visiting when there was a knock at the door. The 21 year old male resident opened the door and contacted Suspect 1 who asked for the 18 year old resident by name. When he let the male into the home, two additional suspects rushed into the apartment behind Suspect 1. The 18 year old male resident briefly struggled with the intruders but stopped once he observed one of the suspects display a handgun. The three suspects ordered the three occupants onto a sofa. Two of the suspects, including the one armed with the handgun, remained with the three victims while the third suspect ransacked a bedroom in the apartment. The victims report the three suspects fled after removing undisclosed property.

The victims, who were not injured during this incident, waited approximately 30 minutes before reporting the incident to NPD. NPD Officers responded; however, the suspects were not located. The victims are not UD students and advised investigators that they did not know the suspects.

The first suspect is described as a short black male, with a corn row style haircut, eyeglasses and a light patch of skin between his eyebrows. He was wearing a tan hooded sweatshirt.

Suspect 2 is described as a dark skinned black male, wearing a dark grey or black hooded sweatshirt.

Suspect 3 is described as a dark skinned black male, wearing a dark grey or black hooded sweatshirt with the sweatshirt drawn tightly around his face. He was armed with a revolver.

Anyone with additional information about this incident should contact Det. James Skinner at 302-366-7110 ext. 135 or james.skinner@cj.state.de.us. You can send an anonymous text message tip by texting 302NPD and your message to TIP411. Information can also be provided anonymously to Crime Stoppers at 1-800-TIP-3333 or via the internet at www.tipsubmit.com where a reward may be available.

The Newark Police Department affirms that all defendants are presumed innocent until proven guilty beyond a reasonable doubt.

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